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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had participated in the two days' Conference of the World Forum of Education held in Senegal;

(b) if so, the number of countries whose Government and the Non-Government Organizations participated in this conference;

(c) the main issues raised at the conference and the decision taken thereon; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) A delegation from the Government of India participated in the World Education Forum held in Dakar, Senegal on 26-28 April, 2000.

(b) The Forum was attended by delegates from 181 countries and a total of 1,500 participants including representatives of NGOs.

(c) The Forum deliberated upon various aspects of Education for All (EFA) with reference to the goals set at the World Conference on Education for All held in Jomtien (Thailand) in 1990 and the emerging challenges in Early Childhood Care andEducation, Primary Education, Adult Literacy and Continuing Education. It also discussed measures for improvement in quality of education, elimination of gender disparities and resource mobilization. The World Education Forum adopted the Dakar Framework of Action for achieving EFA by 2015.

(d) The Government is committed to achieve universalization of elementary education as enunciated in the National Policy of Education, 1986 (as updated in 1992) and the Dakar Framework for Action.